

U.S. envoy: no crisis with Israel

TEL AVIV, March 25 (R). — United States Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis said here today he was not a party to the feeling of crisis in U.S.-Israeli relations described by some journalists. Speaking to newsmen upon his return from attendance at talks in Washington between President Jimmy Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, he said: "It was one of the more difficult meetings between the two leaders I have experienced in the year I have been ambassador to Israel. But even after these talks relations between the two countries are still in great shape. The talks were frank and quite useful. I do not have the sense of crisis that some of your colleagues appear to have," he told news-

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NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Starting today, the Jordan Times will each Sunday be running listings of Monday's Jordan Television and Radio Jordan programmes and emergency telephone numbers in addition to Sunday's listings in the Jordan Times Daily Guide on page five. This is to make up for the gap caused by the fact that the Jordan Times does not appear Mondays.

Continued clashes as U.N. troops reinforced



An Israeli trooper watches Christian pilgrims entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in occupied Jerusalem for Easter Weekend services Saturday morning. (AP wirephoto)

Egypt remains committed to peace dialogue with Israel, says Kamel

CAIRO, March 25 (R). — Egypt declared today, after a top-level strategy session, that it would pursue its drive for peace in the Middle East.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel, in a statement reported by the official Middle East News Agency, said Egypt was prepared in principle to continue peace talks with Israel.

But he linked the question of continued talks with Israel's stance on Jewish settlements on Arab land and the interpretations of the United Nations Security Council's guidelines for peace.

Mr. Kamel spoke to MENA after a meeting of the National Security Council, Egypt's top policy-making group, which was chaired by President Anwar Sadat.

Asked whether Egypt was prepared to continue peace negotiations with Israel, Mr. Kamel said: "I have said that in principle we support the continuation of peace talks. But here we must wait and see the Israeli policy on U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, the settlements question and other issues."

MENA also quoted Mr. Kamel as saying that Egypt believed also in principle that it should not slam the door on just and comprehensive settlement on the principles it has laid down.

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A report on these talks had been conveyed to Mr. Sadat by American Ambassador Hermann Elts, MENA said.

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No plans for shuttle diplomacy

But, MENA said, Mr. Elts did add that he was unaware

of any new American proposals to Egypt to help resolve the deadlock.

Mr. Elts also said, according to MENA, that there were no immediate plans for U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance or for Middle East roving Ambassador Alfred Atherton to visit the area.

The National Security Council meeting was attended by Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, the speaker of parliament, the prime minister, the war, foreign and interior ministers and the chief of the intelligence services.

The semi-official newspaper Al Ahram said the Council's agenda included Middle East developments in the light of messages exchanged with world leaders, a report by Mr. Kamel on the outcome of the talks between Mr. Carter and Mr. Begin and a report from the

summit possible

In an interview with the weekly Egyptian magazine October, President Sadat was quoted as saying Egypt would not be opposed to the holding of an Arab summit to discuss southern Lebanon.

But he questioned whether a meeting would be worthwhile unless it had clear-cut objectives and a comprehensive policy. President Sadat wondered also if hardline Arab states such as Algeria, Syria and Iraq as well as the Palestine Liberation Organisation would be prepared to change their attitude to peace talks with Israel.

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Begin stays quiet in face of demands for change in policies

TEL AVIV, March 25 (R). — Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin today faced widespread calls for a change in his government's policies to end the confrontation with the United States over Middle East settlement terms. A growing number of Israelis saw his rigid line on Israeli settlements in occupied Arab land and continued hold on conquered territory as the cause for possibly the worst crisis in American-Israeli relations.

Mr. Begin said on his return from Washington yesterday after tough talks with President Carter that his peace proposals still constituted a basis for negotiations and defended his refusal to yield to U.S. pressure to withdraw from the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Revolt

Public unease was matched within Mr. Begin's coalition government by stirrings of revolt.

Several leading members of the Democratic Movement of Change called on their party to withdraw from the rightwing Likud-dominated government because they said it could not moderate Mr. Begin's policies.

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman called for a "national peace government" to link the opposition Labour Party in a gr-

and coalition to negotiate a Middle East settlement.

The leader of the Labour Party, Shimon Peres rejected any participation in a government of national unity led by Mr. Begin's Likud bloc. He said he planned to call on the Prime Minister to resign because of his failure in Washington.

Mr. Peres and his Labour Party colleagues, thrown out of office last May, studied the political omens carefully.

Fresh support

Israeli opposition leaders were reported planning to meet on whether to call for Prime Minister Menachem Begin's resignation even as he received fresh support from political allies.

The Jerusalem Post says the Labour Party chiefs will confer

next week after they review the Prime Minister's general handling of peace moves in light of what Begin said were "difficult" talks with U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Washington.

Meanwhile, two of three factions in the Prime Minister's rightwing Likud bloc published statements of support for him and members of the third group privately expressed firm backing for their leader.

Meanwhile, Egyptian diplomats welcomed reports of a rift between Israel and the United States, saying they hoped the split would force the Israelis to realise they must trade occupied lands for peace.

"For the first time in 30 years, a U.S. president supported by congress has really reprimanded Israel. This is progress," said a diplomat in Cairo who added not to be identified. Egypt has demanded a complete Israeli withdrawal from lands occupied during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, including the West Bank.

Israel-U.S. crisis a sham, claim Soviets

MOSCOW, March 25 (AP). — Tass asserted yesterday that despite ostensible differences, the United States and Israel were still fundamentally in agreement over plans "directed at legalising the Israeli occupation of Arab territories."

The Soviet news agency's comment came in a dispatch reporting on the just-completed Washington talks between U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

"The U.S. mass media are trying hard to convey the idea that 'serious differences' had surfaced in the course of Begin's talks with President Carter and that American-Israeli relations are supposedly living through an 'unprecedented crisis,'" Tass said.

It noted that "concealed behind this is official Washington's obvious desire, at least ostentatiously, to dissociate itself from Tel Aviv's glaring rigid and aggressive stand."

"But it is well known that precisely unconditional support by the United States for the expansionist ambitions of the Israeli leaders has given Israel the possibility to take such a stand and ignore the lawful rights of the Arab peoples," Tass contended.

The Soviet news agency noted that rumours had appeared in the U.S. press regarding a possible move to replace Begin as prime minister with Ezer Weizman, currently serving as defence minister. The change reportedly would be aimed at giving Israel greater flexibility in working out overall Middle East policy.

However, Tass said Begin and Weizman differed only on tactics, not basic goals.

King will have talks with Shah

TEHRAN, Iran (AP). — King Hussein, who arrived here unannounced two days ago, is visiting the Shah of Iran in the Gulf island of Kish, where the royal family is on short holiday, informed sources said.

They said the two leaders would spend some time reviewing the latest developments in the Middle East.

Brazil's new Jerusalem gives Easter a rare dramatic angle

Thousands of Christians will spend Easter in a new Jerusalem, one-third the size of the original, which has been built in Brazil for the most spectacular reconstruction of Christ's passion and crucifixion to be seen anywhere.

By Don Simon

RECIFE, (WFS) — Nowhere else in the world is Christ's passion and crucifixion commemorated in so dramatic a way as in the small town of Fazenda Nova, 180 kms inland from Recife, the capital of Brazil's north-eastern state of Pernambuco.

A thousand people are preparing to re-enact during the five days of holy week (March 20-24) the events that happened in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. And for the occasion they have fashioned out of solid granite a faithful reconstruction of the ancient city of Jerusalem.

But for hundreds of thousands of devout Christian Brazilians and straightforward tourists, the pilgrimage to Nova Jerusalem is a firm fixture for Easter. The two roads linking Fazenda Nova with Recife are jammed with cars, campers and caravans. As well as the few hotels, the ordinary townfolk open their homes to the visitors during holy week, and thousands more camp out.

World's largest open-air theatre

Nova Jerusalem, as it is called, is the world's largest open-air theatre. It covers 70,000 sq. m., approximately one-third the area of the original Jerusalem. A three-metre high stone wall surrounds the theatre, broken by 70 towers seven-metres high and seven entrances. There are 12 separate stages, each permanently set for the scenes that are

annually re-staged on them. The passion play is reminiscent of the famous Passionspiel staged every 10 years in the small Bavarian town of Oberammergau, in West Germany. In Nova Jerusalem, the play goes on for three hours in the evening, unlike the three-hour day-time Passionsspiel of Oberammergau. And while Oberammergau's tradition dates back centuries, Nova Jerusalem is barely a decade old.

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Wandering crowd

In Oberammergau the audience remains seated while watching the story performed on a single stage in front of the backdrop of lush, green hills.

The vast majority of the performers are drawn from the ordinary villagers, only a handful of professionals are brought in to play the key roles. The crucifixion is staged as realistically as possible and poses a great strain on the actor playing Christ, who must train hard before his appearance to endure the role over five separate performances.

Nova Jerusalem itself is a monument to the old values of devotion through hard work. The granite walls and buildings took years to complete because the villagers determined to make the building of Nova Jerusalem a labour of love. Throughout the 1960's the theatre rose slowly from the ground as the blocks of granite were hewn from local quarries and brought to the site for meticulous construction.

World News Roundup...

Earthquake near Alma Ata, USSR

MOSCOW, March 25 (AP). — An earthquake shook areas of the Soviet Union today. The Tass news agency reported property damage and no human casualties. Homes, barns and other property were damaged in areas near the centre of the quake in Kazakhstan about 144 kms. southeast of Alma Ata the news agency said later this afternoon. The shocks measured between 7.8 and 8 on the Soviet 12-point Medvedev scale. The quake occurred at 11:30 a.m. this morning (Moscow time) (21:30 Friday).

Arab nations to discuss scientific independence

DON, March 25 (R). — Representatives of Arab countries will meet in Tripoli next month to discuss ways of making their nations independent of foreign scientific expertise in the oil industry, the Arab News Agency (JANA) reported yesterday. The Arab committee for the system of integration among Arab oil agencies will also discuss a general plan for research work, the agency added.

Chad peace talks make "excellent" progress

DON, March 25 (R). — Four-nation talks aimed at ending a year-long civil war in Chad are making excellent progress. Li-

by Foreign Secretary Ali Abdal Salam Tureki was quoted as saying today. Leaders of Frontline (National Liberation Front) rebels, who claim to control half of Chad, are taking part in the talks with the Chadian government, the Libyan Jamahiriya, Sudan and Niger, the Arab News Agency JANA reported. The four countries agreed to the meeting during a summit of their leaders last month.

Mondale cancels trip because of Panama issue

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP). — U.S. Vice President Walter F. Mondale postponed his trip to the South Pacific because of pending Senate action on the Panama Canal issue it was announced today. Maxine Burns, Mr. Mondale's deputy press secretary, said the vice president changed his plans because of the possibility the Senate will vote soon on the second of the two Panama Canal treaties.

Cuban minister leaves Iraq

BAGHDAD, March 25 (R). — Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Maklera Paol left here today after a three-day visit to Iraq, the Iraqi news agency reported. During his visit, the Cuban minister called on the Vice Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council Mr. Saddam Hussein and had talks with Dr. Saddam Hussein, the agency added.

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Contradictions of Zionism

The element of time has played a central role in the thinking of the two key players in the Middle East -- the Palestinians and the Israelis. Stalling for time, while usually a tactical ploy in the game-plans of most people, is fundamental strategic thinking in the case of Israel. And on the Palestinian side, the conviction has been passed on from generation to generation that a struggle in the name of a just and honourable cause will be vindicated in time.

The Israelis have always assumed the Palestinians would simply go away with time. But they haven't. The Israelis have also always assumed that they would always have full American support for their policies, but this week shows that they will not. The Israelis have further assumed that more conquered Arab territory will mean more security, but the past ten years of occupation have also proved this thesis absurdly wrong.

These premises -- boldly proved false again these past two weeks -- are based on the fundamental flaw in Zionism -- the belief that Israel can exist as an exclusive Jewish state in Palestine, and that the Palestinians will simply fade away into history. Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin had this flaw pointed out to him in no uncertain terms in Washington this week. All of Israel will ponder this point now, under the guise of a domestic political reconsideration. What we are witnessing, however, is nothing less than an open re-examination of the principles of political Zionism and Jewish nationalism, whose inverse side is the historic denial of Palestinian nationalism. In this light, the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon must be seen as the culmination of the continued failure of Zionism to bring the Jewish people the peaceful home they say they seek.

The Israelis may be on the verge of an important process, long overdue, by which they debate the territorial boundaries and the political realities of their Zionist ideology. It is not only Mr. Begin who is in trouble this week. It is the flawed mythology of Zionist chauvinism that denies Palestinian rights.

Stalling for time and invading south Lebanon, as Israel now learns, will not make the Palestinians disappear. It will only provide more time for the contradictions of Zionism to explode.

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National News Roundup

Arab tourism conference opens at Intercontinental Monday

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — Arab ministers of tourism and heads of tourism organisations in Arab countries will begin a conference under royal patronage at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel here on Monday. The agenda for the two-day meeting includes the presentation of a study on tourism in Arab countries and the potential to develop this into a productive sector in each country and working out a comprehensive joint Arab tourism plan. Delegations representing 15 Arab countries headed by ministers of tourism and official tourism corporations will take part. Other participants will be the Arab League, the Arab Tourism Union, the Union of Arab Tourism Offices, the Arab Hotels Union and Arab Air Transport Union. Delegations began arriving in Amman Friday.

Development evaluation experts from 14 Arab countries meet here

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — Secretary General of the National Planning Council Dr. Taysir Abdul Jaber today gave a lecture to participants in a programme for evaluating public development projects which is being organised by the National Planning Council in cooperation with the Kuwaiti Arab Institute for Planning, and the Economic Development Institute of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Some 24 officials involved in the evaluation of economic and social development projects from 14 Arab countries, including Jordan, are taking part in this programme. The programme was opened at the Kuwaiti Arab Institute for Planning last February. During their stay in Jordan -- until April 4 -- the participants will carry out field studies on the economic, financial and social feasibility of a number of industrial and agricultural projects in Jordan. The Industrial Development Bank, the Agriculture Credit Corporation, the Cooperatives Organisation, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jordan River Authority are taking part in the programme.

Sheimat represents Jordan at Arab transport ministers conference

TA'IF, March 25 (JNA). — Arab transport ministers started their conference here today to discuss the accomplishments of the Arab Maritime Transport Academy, its projects and future plans. Jordan is represented in the conference by Minister of Transport Ali Sheimat.

Gogol play performed in Irbid

IRBID, March 25 (JNA). — The Department of Culture and Arts theatrical troupe Saturday evening performed Gogol's "The Government Inspector" at the Industrial School in cooperation with the Irbid girls and boys youth clubs.

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Work gets under way on regional development for Irbid

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — Work is underway to implement the Irbid regional development project in accordance with the instructions of His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and with the recommendations of the Irbid Governorate municipalities symposium held last September, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Ibrahim Ayoub said today. He said a Japanese team is now visiting Jordan to carry out prospective studies for "this vital project prior to the formation of a special committee on the subject." This came in a speech by the minister when he opened the symposium for the Ajloun and Jarash municipalities which began in the Anjarah town hall today. Mr. Ayoub said that the municipalities share of petrol tax will be more than JD 5 millions. After a speech by the Governor of Irbid, Mr. Mamoun Khalil, the symposium debated two working papers presented by the Ajloun and Jarash district governors. Also debated was a working paper presented by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs on town planning.

Ramtha, Mafraq municipal symposium

begins Wednesday

IRBID, March 25 (JNA). — A symposium on the promotion of municipal services in the districts of Ramtha and Mafraq is scheduled to open at Mafraq Municipality on Wednesday. The two municipalities have prepared working papers that tackle financial, organisational and administrative development as well as promoting services in the two towns.

12-month course for social affairs directors starts

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni today inaugurated a 12-month course for directors of social affairs departments, organised by the Jordanian Social Services Institute. Some 35 departmental directors from all parts of Jordan will take part.

Mameluke pottery will be exhibited at Smithsonian

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — The Department of Antiquities is preparing a collection of antique pottery going back to the Mameluke era to form part of the fine arts exhibition of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. Director General of the Department Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi said exhibiting this collection forms part of a cultural exchange programme between the Smithsonian Institute and the Department of Antiquities.

Economic and Business News

World Bank approves \$14 million loan to Amman municipality

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — The world Bank has approved a loan of \$14 million to Amman Municipality for the completion of the capital's water and sewerage project, sources at the municipality said today.

New industries licensed

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — The planning committee at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce today granted licenses for a number of new industries whose total capital amounts to JD 1,273,000. Under-secretary of the ministry Hashem Dabbas who is chairman of the com-

mittee said that the new industries will manufacture plastic bags, nylon rolls, sweets, paper rolls, school copybooks, locks, water taps, car and truck bodies.

Local firm lands JD 1.8 million contract for Shmeisani overpass

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA). — A JD 1.77 million agreement for the construction of a flyover and tunnel at the crossroads joining Shmeisani, Jabal Amman and Jabal Luweibdeh was signed at Amman municipality today. Under the agreement a 400-foot tunnel with two lanes in each direction will be built, in addition to a 30-metre long overpass. The agreement was signed by Mayor Ma'n Abu Nuwwar and by the director general of a local firm which was awarded the tender.



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Pakistani universities team sees bright future for educational cooperation with Jordan

By Najmeen Baig
Special to the Jordan Times

JORDAN, March 25.—A delegation of vice-chancellors of Pakistani universities, currently on an official visit to Jordan, arrived here on March 21 on a one-week goodwill mission.

The visit follows an invitation issued by the President of the Jordan University, Dr. Ismail Farhan, to leader of the present delegation Dr. M. A. Kazi, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Education and chairman of the University Grants Commission.

The delegation consists of 6 members who are all vice-chancellors of different universities in Pakistan. Five of the members of the delegation are leading scientists of Pakistan.

The aim of this visit is "to bring the University of Jordan and the universities of Pakistan closer together to establish links between each other and improve the existing goodwill," Dr. Kazi told the Jordan Times in an interview.

The day following their arrival here, members of the delegation toured the University of Jordan, visited and met with Minister of Education Dr. Abd Al-Salem Majali.

Dr. Farhan briefed his Pakistani guests on the university's present activities and its future

programmes highlighting plans to expand the university's faculties.

The minister of education briefed the delegates on various aspects of Jordan's education policy and the plans to extend educational facilities to far-flung areas.

During their stay here the members of the delegation, who are particularly interested in science education, plan to visit the Polytechnic Institute and the Royal Scientific Society.

Today the delegation visited Yarmouk University and met with its president, Dr. Adnan Badran. After a tour of the university Dr. Kazi said in a statement that discussions with Dr. Badran had centred on prospects of future cooperation between Yarmouk University and Pakistani universities.

Afterwards the Pakistani guests visited archaeological sites in the towns of Jarash and Ajloun.

Both sides are satisfied and feel they have achieved quite a lot already. Soon the two countries are going to boost the exchange of students and teachers.

At the moment there are about 1,000 Jordanian students in Pakistan mainly studying medicine, engineering and sciences particularly agriculture, physics and chemistry. Very few of them study humanities.

There are 15 universities in Pakistan altogether. The members of this delegation are vice-chancellors of those universities that have a relatively greater number of Jordanian students.

Why are there so many Jordanian students in Pakistan? According to Dr. Kazi "because the two countries have very good relations with each other. Therefore the rules for admission for the Jordanian students are not very strict. Secondly the medium of teaching is in English therefore the students usually do not have to spend one extra year to study Urdu."

Tremendous goodwill

"Both sides feel wiser" after the discussions Dr. Kazi said. "We have lots of things in common between our systems".

"There is tremendous goodwill between the two countries," remarked Dr. Khairat Ibne-Rasa, Vice-Chancellor of Punjab University, in Lahore.

The universities of the two countries plan to hold joint seminars and conferences in the future and to cooperate in scientific research.

They have already agreed to exchange literature published by the universities, especially scientific journals.

The delegation will leave for home on March 29.

Abilities of helping Pakistan to help promote the spread of the Arabic language there. Arabic is now being introduced in schools and other educational institutions in Pakistan.

Dr. Kazi and Dr. Ibne-Rasa confided to the Jordan Times that they were "greatly impressed at the tremendous advance that University of Jordan has made in such a short time. The university has very well qualified teachers and well-equipped laboratories". The university is already able to provide M. A. degrees and in the near future they will provide Ph.D. degrees as well. "Education has a good future in Jordan," Dr. Ibne-Rasa said.

Besides touring the universities and the scientific institutions they also did some sightseeing.

On Friday the delegation flew south to Aqaba. They were accompanied by Crown Prince Hassan and the Pakistani Ambassador Mr. Shahrayar Khan. They will also visit the Nabataean rose red city of Petra, and meet the minister of tourism and antiquities.

"Both sides feel they have gained a lot from each other," Dr. Kazi said. "And in the talks they have covered a lot of ground."

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Coming & Going...

Upper House team leaves for Lisbon

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA).—Speaker of the Upper House Bahjat Talhouni, accompanied by four members of the upper house and the secretary general of the Jordanian parliament, left Amman today for Lisbon on an official ten-day visit to Portugal. Mr. Talhouni will be attending a session of the council of the World Parliamentary Union later this month. The Middle East crisis and the granting self-determination to the Palestinian people are on the agenda of the council.

Minister of public works off to Cairo soon

AMMAN, March 25 (JNA).—Minister of Public Works Sa'id Bino will lead Jordan's delegation to the regional conference of the International Roads Unit which is to start in Cairo on April 9, sources at the ministry said today. The conference is being held in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Transport and the Roads Association of Cairo. During the six-day meeting, the participants will discuss inter-Arab cooperation as well as cooperation with foreign countries in road construction and trans-

port.

People and Places

Public recognition of Alia

As you entered the Annual Airlines Ball at the Intercontinental Hotel last week you could hardly escape the presence of the national airline, Alia. There on the table by the entrance was a massive model of an Alia aircraft and tastefully laid out in exquisite design were a lot of the now famous "red books".

Inside the ballroom itself the columns between the tables were well plastered with Alia's own travel posters and there, on one of the largest tables in the room, were Alia's own representatives presided over by a Vice President.

After the typically luxurious spread of a buffet laid on by the hotel, and as the happy crowd really swing into the party spirit, British Airways, Air-ta and Lufthansa were feted by the merry diners that the prizes they had donated to the tombola were won.

After the last ticket had been drawn a large section of the gathering gave public recognition to Alia's non-participation in the event (not even a plastic ball pen or an airline tie) by chanting "where is Alia. No Alia?" which may have embarrassed the Alia table but only added to the merry mood of everyone else.

Keeping tractors running

Recently arrived from Cairo

By John Bonar

Greeks seek Arab sales

The Greeks are after the Arab markets and spearheading a new marketing drive is Mrs. Olga Nikolaidou, an elegant Greek lady who mastered Arabic during a childhood in the Sudan.

Mrs. Nikolaidou is representing a number of Greek manufacturers anxious to start exporting their products to the Arab World.

She is seeking agents for just about everything from trailers and building materials to pharmaceuticals and wines and can be found amidst a mountain of samples in the Ambassador Hotel.

New taste at Blowup

A new management at the Blowup restaurant nightspot at the Wadi Seer Crossroads took over last week and the first move of the owner, Bussam Naqirwan, was to introduce a new Lebanese chef who formerly produced culinary delights for the guests of the famous St. Georges Hotel in Beirut.

An expert in both oriental and French cooking he has brought a new taste to the menu while a reduction in bar prices would seem to guarantee the continuing success of this popular family nightspot.

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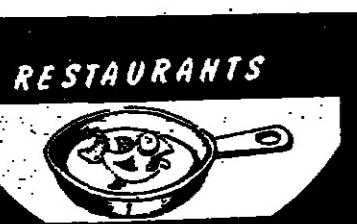
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Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	260	1.250	1.300	1.300	1.300	1.250	1.300
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	1,345	15.650	15.650	15.650	15.650	15.650	—
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1.000	325	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	—	0.900
Paper and Cardboard Factories	JD 1.000	5,550	1.050	1.000	1.000	1.000	—	—
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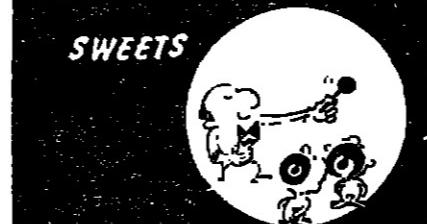
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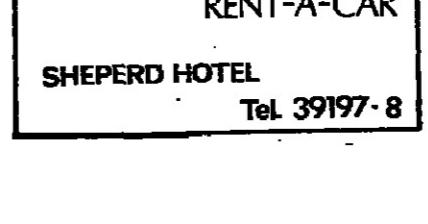
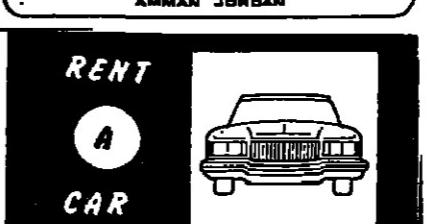
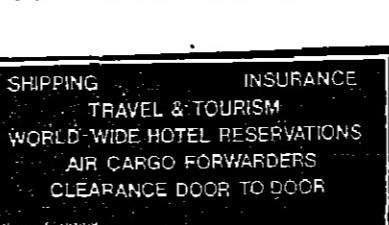
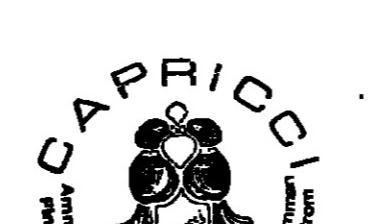
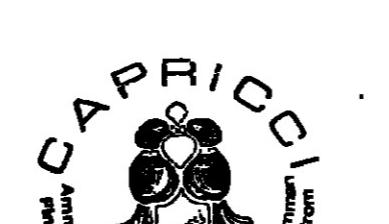
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"That's war" shrugs trigger-happy Israeli in midst of south Lebanon invasion

By David Hirst

"WE THOUGHT for sure we had killed you," said the Israeli officer. "We had been well aware, as our ordeal lasted, that we were lucky to be still alive. But not until we met our 'enemy' did we realise just how lucky. To be mistaken for Palestinian guerrillas in the biggest, hardest campaign Israel has ever launched against them, and to survive the mistake, is an achievement we owed much more to providence than to our own evasive ingenuity."

It happened to three correspondents -- Ned Temko of UPI, Douglas Roberts of Voice of America, and myself -- who had set out from Beirut at 5 o'clock in the morning for a visit to the Palestinian side of the front. It happened in the village of Hadtha, 12 kms. north of the Israeli frontier.

Hadtha is a Shi'ite-Moslem community which once numbered 2,000 homes. Its tragedy -- to be caught in the classic dilemma of neutrals in other people's wars -- is shared by scores of other towns and villages set in the rolling, open hills of south Lebanon. When we entered the village at 12:30 it was an eerie no-man's land between the opposing forces.

We had left the last Palestinian position -- if a handful of men armed with Kalashnikovs qualified as that -- but five miles back on the road from Tyre, An Israeli armoured column, which had entered the village the previous day, had withdrawn earlier in the morning. At first we thought Hadtha was empty of its inhabitants too. But a lonely figure approached and he was eventually joined by a train of followers -- grave, saddened men like himself, tearful women, excited children -- who almost dragged us round the village, insisting that we see all the evidence of their misfortune.

As we made this tour of shattered masonry and mangled livestock -- the humans were already buried -- people peered out of doorways. If they took us for Israelis, they raised their arms in instant terror. If they took us for Americans, they pointed skywards and, in their naive belief that Americans are masters of the world, they implored us to "save us from them." "Them" were the Israeli war planes which had visited them the day before.

Our guides insisted, before we left, that we inspect the wreckage of what was once the village's special pride: its new school. It had been built at a cost of £100,000 and, with uncanny foresight, someone had insisted on a basement which could also serve as a shelter. "Come and see it," they said, and in the first of our life-

saving flukes we were all going down there when the first tank shells landed.

About 20 came in all. The whole structure shuddered sickeningly. We and our companions huddled into the deepest subterranean recesses -- the latrine. In the one next door a woman clasped her terrified child and intoned prayers to Allah, Hassan, and Hussein, the masters of the Shi'ite sect.

The villagers began to murmur about an expected air-strike. They scattered to their homes. We stayed. Hardly had they left before the tank-fire resumed. Then after a prolonged silence, we crept out in the hope of discovering what was going on. Spotted, and having come under intense mortar-fire, we took refuge in a concrete crevice which -- Providence again taking a hand -- seemed likely to withstand anything but a very near hit.

The mortars kept on coming at intervals. Planes continuously screamed overhead but the air strikes we feared were destined for Tabnine, just across the valley, and targets further north. However, no sooner had our fear of one sort of dying ended than another took its place.

Suddenly small arms fire erupted from all directions. The chatter of machine-guns and the crack of rifle fire moved closer and closer. We could only assume -- very much to our astonishment -- that Palestinians had somehow infiltrated the village, and before long we would be in the thick of it, with one side or the other taking up positions in the house behind which we sheltered. But it all died away as mysteriously as it had begun.

At nightfall we decided that the best course was to consult the villagers who, we knew, must be going through much the same emotions as ourselves. We walked half a kilometre in the knowledge that if we were passing through anyone's line -- whether Palestinian or Israeli -- they were liable to shoot first and ask questions later.

But finally we made it to the only inhabited part of the village. We knocked on the door of a house through whose black-out windows we perceived the dim glow of a turned-down oil lamp. "The Israelis are liable to fire at the lighting of a match," an inmate subsequently explained. We were given what was perhaps the warmest welcome of our lives -- the kind of welcome which only the very poor can give -- and all the warmer in that here were strangers who, at least for a night, were sharing in their affliction.

In the semi-darkness, we made out the shape of cows and goats on one side of the room and humans lying or sitting on the other side. An old man, wounded in the afternoon's sniper fire, lay silent in a corner. The family had ventured out that morning to scrape a shallow grave for his 17-year-old son, killed in the previous day's bombardment.

"You are our children," said an old woman, "as dear to us as our eyes. If we die, we die together." She embraced us. What food they had they served on two large platters. Then Mohammad Fadil took us to his own house where we tried to sleep -- aircraft and occasional shell still passing overhead -- amid the bales of his unsold tobacco crop.

At dawn we heard the sound of approaching engines. As the mist rose it unveiled a cluster of tanks and armoured personnel carriers on a nearby hill. Israeli soldiers, clearly relaxed, were standing around. And what the villagers told us could be a hazardous operation -- identifying ourselves to them proved very easy.

It was then that we learned just how lucky we had been. Capt. Uzi Dayan, paratrooper and relative of the foreign minister, is a transparently decent and humane man. When he heard our tale he replied: "I don't like to tell you this. It was I who ordered the shelling of the school. This tank" -- and he pointed to a nearby Centurion -- "did it from a distance of 1,200 metres."

Another British-educated officer filled in some details: "We were sure we had killed you with two simultaneous hits on the top and bottom floors. We were so sure that we did not bother to come and flush you out. I don't like to say it but we assumed that it was just three more terrorists done for." We told him about the basement.

Why had Dayan ordered the firing? "They told me that 12 uniformed terrorists had entered the building."

That misapprehension -- obvious foreigners in motley attire and a handful of men, women, and children from the village taken for uniformed terrorists -- just about sums up the war the Israelis are waging in south Lebanon. It reflects not just the quality of the information available to

the 20-odd houses their air force had destroyed had harboured guerrillas. Yet the soldiers obviously placed more confidence in what we told them about the matter than the official propaganda. One might shrug it off, saying "That's war." Another might fall into embarrassed silence. But none demurred.

In six hours that we sat and watched the bombardment of Tabnine and beyond -- with aircraft and everything from mortars to massive field guns deep inside Israeli territory -- only half a dozen projectiles, mere fire crackers in comparison, came in from the other side. In "cleansing" the Israelis are using the opposite of their usual military techniques of high mobility.

There was, we were told, an overriding consideration: to minimise Israeli casualties. And that, we gathered, stemmed from another: the morale of the ordinary Israeli soldier was not as high as it used to be. Only after the massive bombardment would the infantry go in. It clearly troubled some professional consciences. One sharpshooter confided: "I have killed three terrorists so far, but this artillery is a dirty business."

Reliance on long-range firepower, I suspect, is the real reason why they did not come and get us in the school. And they even used small arms

Private companies mark sharp increase in UAE

ABU DHABI, March 25 (R). — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) now has 22,949 privately-owned firms compared with 16,998 firms in 1975, according to figures published today in the semi-official newspaper Al Ittihad. The figures, compiled by the Central Statistics Department at the Planning Ministry, showed that the firms employed a total work force of 321,777 persons. No labour figures were available for 1975.

The biggest work force was in Dubai, the second largest of the seven member-states of this Gulf federation, with 135,623 persons employed in 7,133 firms. But Abu Dhabi, the biggest of the states, had the largest number of firms. They totaled 7,467 firms employing 97,240 workers.

Officials still hope to pump remaining oil from stricken tanker

village of Portsal, north-west of here.

But Mr. Becam said there was no immediate threat to the Normandy Peninsula, to the north-east.

Yesterday afternoon, the French minister met British Junior Trade Minister Stanley Clinton Davis, who had earlier visited the Channel Islands, where contingency plans were being made in case the huge oil slick drifted that way.

Mr. Becam briefed the British minister on measures the French authorities are taking to avoid another coastal pollution disaster.

From Monday, oil tankers will have to keep at least seven miles off the French coast instead of the present five miles.

Ships entering French territorial waters will have to signal their position and route to the coastal authorities.

Vessels within 50 miles of the French coast will have to report any breakdown to the French authorities.

Mr. Becam made it clear these were temporary measures pending international action he hoped would be taken at next month's meeting of the International Maritime Consultative Organisation.

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French franc	66.20/66.60
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.20/36.40
Japanese yen (for every 100)	135.50/136.30
Dutch guilder	141.60/142.40
Belgian franc (for every ten)	97.40/98.00
Swedish crown	66.90/67.30

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Study into whatever school of thought will help you express your finest qualities and principles. To take full advantage of this good aspect, be open-minded and willing to accept advanced teachings.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You can handle present problems well if you follow your hunches. Be more courteous with mate and get better results. Show wisdom.

Taurus (April 20 to May 18) Your future is pretty much influenced by individuals with whom you are associating at this time, so be sure you select the best. A fascinating new situation arises today that can mean advancement for you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can get much done today so forget about going off on any tangents. Make a plan first and then carry through with fellow workers.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get out to recreational activities that ease tensions. Show more consideration for loved ones and enjoy greater affection.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to please kin more and you have greater harmony at home and more pleasure as well. Look around for new gadgets that make home life more operative. Show generosity, also of spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You are an idealist at heart and can be useful in civic work, so take interest in such. Talk over with associates how to improve production, also.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get busy cutting down on expenses and finding new interests to add to present income. Plan repairs to property.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Making plans now will gain you personal aims that mean a great deal to you. See others socially who can help you advance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Think over carefully whatever most concerns you and know better how to handle your affairs. You are able to improve your relationship with loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have a friend who can assist you to gain an aim important to your welfare. Plan recreations you like and contact good friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be well prepared before you see that bigwig on an important matter and you get good results. Handle any credit affairs wisely.

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PERFECT POISE IS NOT LOOKING SELF-CONSCIOUS IN THE FRONT PEW

By Kenneth Clark

LONDON, (LPS). — Leatherware from Morocco, baskets from Malawi, raffia bags from Cameroon, mohair carpets from Lesotho, bark work from Kenya, woolens from Peru, sweaters from Bolivia ... all these examples of traditional craftsmanship make a colourful display in the showroom of a new venture called Project Hand.

It began four years ago when an economist, Benny Dembitzler, after travelling extensively in Africa, became interested in helping to market such handmade goods in Britain and opened a shop in a London suburb. The shop did quite well, but Mr. Dembitzler found he was becoming involved in the wholesale trade and a bigger organisation became necessary.

Marketing service

Luckily he met Mr. D. Hidalgo, a former chief of the Africa Division, Development Finance Companies at the World Bank, who had similar interests. Mr. Hidalgo has set up an organisation called FRIDA (Fund for Research and Investment for the Development of Africa).

The aim of FRIDA is to help the develop-

ment of projects which are labour intensive and use local materials. Many of these enterprises need advice on management, short or long term loans and, of prime importance, a marketing service to buy the goods and sell them to the best advantage of the producers in Europe and North America.

FRIDA has taken over Project Hand, which will be the marketing department of that organisation. I recently visited its office, which is in the Africa Centre building in London's Covent Garden.

Offices in other countries

There I met the deputy managing director, an enthusiastic young man named Edward Millard. Mr. Millard is a graduate of Sussex University with a sound commercial background gained in his family's importing business. He told me that FRIDA has representatives working in Lesotho and Upper Volta, and that more offices would be opened in other African countries soon.

Many of the producers whose work is imported by Project Hand are organised into local cooperatives, with the craftsmen involved in the design, manufacture and administration. Other groups are centred upon community related projects such as children's



Edward Millard, Deputy Managing Director of Project Hand, the marketing arm of the Fund for Research and Development of Africa, with some of the craftwork from the many countries with whom Project Hand is in contact.

homes, refugee camps, village industries and so on. Others may be sponsored by governments of the developing countries.

The project has contacts in more than 40 countries.

Retail outlets developed

Mr. Millard and his small staff are giving advice on the best pricing of goods, packaging, documentation and tariff requirements. A great deal of work has been done in deve-

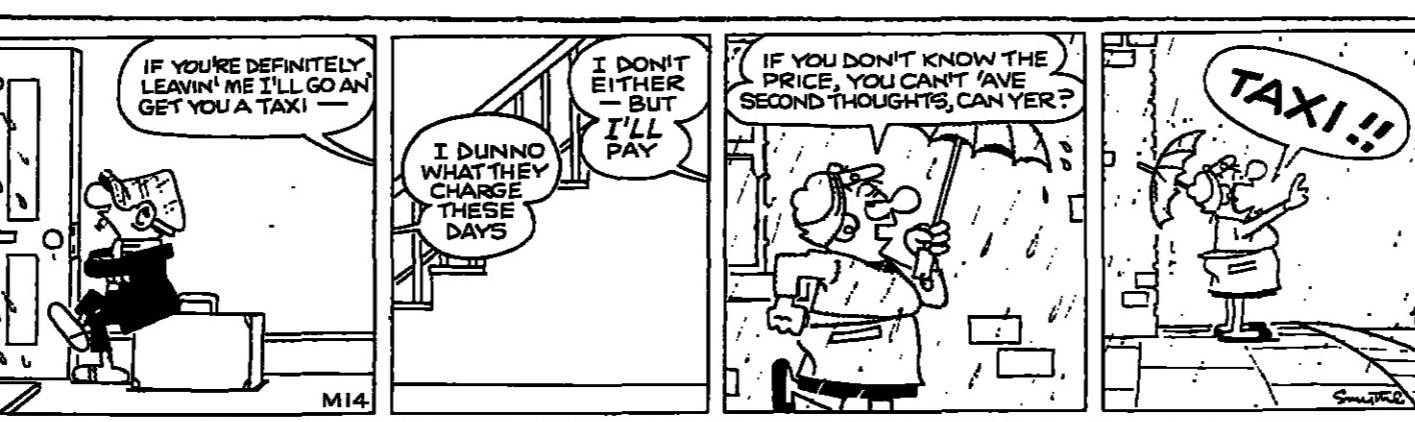
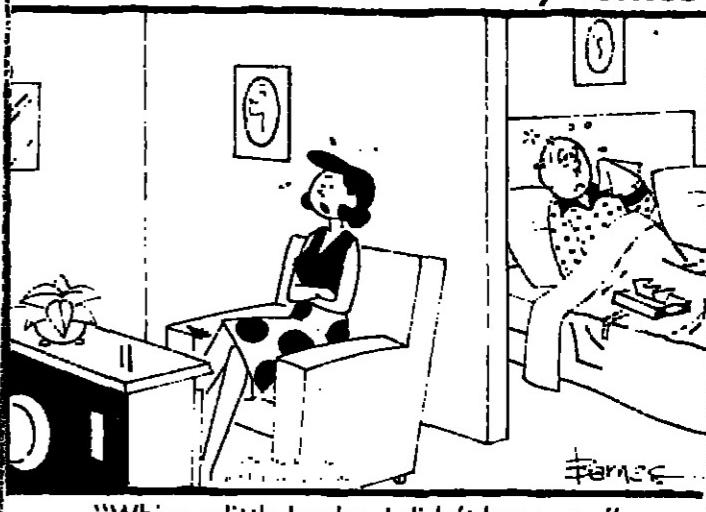
loping retail outlets in Britain, but Mr. Millard is looking ambitiously at the bigger markets in mainland Europe and the United States of America.

The big task is to discover the right goods for the right market. Mr. Millard said it is not solely a question of price: Local tastes differ enormously.

The project itself will not be profitmaking. Any profits will be ploughed back into the research and investment activities of FRIDA, which has an initial capital of \$8 million.

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By Barnes



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Bhutto appeals death sentence; process may take up to 6 weeks

LAHORE, PAKISTAN, March 25 (R). — Former Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto today filed an appeal with the Supreme Court against his death sentence on charges of ordering a political assassination. His lawyers also filed a separate application asking for Mr. Bhutto to be moved from his condemned cell in the Lahore District jail to better quarters.

Mr. Bhutto has been in the death cell since the Lahore High Court convicted him last Saturday of murder, attempted murder and conspiracy.

The prosecution said that in 1974, Mr. Bhutto ordered his para-military Federal Security Force to kill Mr. Ahmed Raza Kasuri, a member of parliament and a vociferous political opponent.

Mr. Kasuri escaped unhurt when his car was ambushed on the way home from a wedding in Lahore. But his father died in a hail of machinegun bullets.

Four members of the disbanded force were also sentenced to hang with Mr. Bhutto.

The Supreme Court will hear appeals from all five togheher.

If the appeal fails Mr. Bhutto's only recourse would be a petition of mercy to President Fazal Elahi Chaudhry.

Pakistan's martial law administrator Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who would make a recommendation on a mercy petition, told a television inter-

2nd Somali liberation movement said to wage war against Ethiopia

MOGADISHU, Somalia, March 25 (AP). — Somali-backed rebels today claimed they repulsed attacks by Soviet and Cuban troops supporting Ethiopian forces in southern Ethiopia this week and killed more than 1,100 Ethiopians in a string of fierce battles.

The Somali Abo Liberation Front (SALF) claimed the Soviets and Cubans, the main factor in Ethiopia's victory against other rebels in the Ogaden Desert last month, were beaten back in thrusts in the Bale and Sidamo provinces.

There were scant details of these actions which appeared to be a major offensive by the Ethiopians and their communist allies against the SALF in the region.

The strength of the Cuban force was not clear from communiques.

The main battle apparently centred on Negele, the provisional capital of Sidamo Province, and was the fiercest clash in the week's fighting. The town has remained in Ethiopian hands since the Ogaden war erupted last July.

Danab, the official news bulletin of Somali liberation movements, said other battles took place at Arere, 120 kms. southwest of Negele, Hidde-Lola and Godo.

The Danab communiqué claimed the SALF rebels destroy-

ed 11 Ethiopian trucks plus large quantities of food, fuel and other supplies.

SALF is predominantly composed of ethnic Somali tribesmen fighting to end Ethiopian rule in their traditional homelands.

Like the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) claimed the Soviets and Cubans, the main factor in Ethiopia's victory against other rebels in the Ogaden Desert last month, were beaten back in thrusts in the Bale and Sidamo provinces.

Danab said the heaviest fighting this week took place Sunday at the town of Negele, about 440 kms. south of the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa when insurgents went on the offensive.

Danab claimed SALF insurgents stormed Ethiopian positions around the town and held it for about 12 hours before withdrawing to more secure positions in nearby mountains.

The rebels claimed they killed more than 500 Ethiopians in the 24-hour battle, but gave no indication of their own losses.

The guerrillas said they killed another 400 Ethiopian soldiers and destroyed a number of armoured vehicles Monday when the Ethiopians tried to recapture Hidde-Lola district, located between the towns of Moyale and Mega near the Kenyan border.

New U.S. miners' contract approved

WASHINGTON, March 25 (R). — The United Mine Workers Union (UMW) has announced that 160,000 striking miners had voted to approve the contract proposed to end their 18-day walkout.

A UMW spokesman said late last night that with 87 per cent of the vote counted, 56.7 per cent of 55,726 miners approved the contract, compared to 42.391 who voted against it.

"If every remaining vote not counted was a no," the spokesman said, "the contract would still pass."

UMW President Arnold Miller said the contract would probably be signed today. He hoped the miners would begin work on Sunday's midnight shift.

But there was some concern that the strike might not be over this weekend.

About 14,000 UMW construction workers have not yet signed a separate contract, which calls for a \$1.80 an hour increase, far less than the \$2.40 accepted by the miners.

In 1974, a miners' strike was extended because the construction workers refused to settle.

UMW sources in Charleston, West Virginia, said that if the construction workers put up picket lines in front of the mines, the miners would refuse to go back to work.

The UMW spokesman in Washington said he felt this issue would be resolved before the weekend was over.

The U.S. Labour Department said today there were about 23,400 strike-related factory layoffs in the United States last week, the same as the previous week.

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